

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/674,428	Applicant(s) HANSEN ET AL.	
	Examiner Ginger T. Chapman	Art Unit 3761	

All Participants:

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(2) Mr. Harvey Jacobson, Jr..

Status of Application: ____

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(4) ____.

Date of Interview: 10 January 2007

Time: ____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Double Patenting Rejection of claims 1-20

Claims discussed:

1 and 10

Prior art documents discussed:

Olsen et al (US 6,780,172; US 6,589,221)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:
Amendment filed 31 January 2006 clarified the limitations of the composition of the plate members as defined in claims 1 and 10 being formed of material lacking suppleness in the thickness direction and therefore such material is relatively stiff, in combination with the bag consisting of film material. The prior art of record, Olsen et al '172 & '221 teach the plate members being formed of resilient foam material being compressible in the thickness direction in combination with nonwoven and film materials comprising the bag. The prior art materials function to form a seal due to compression of the foam in combination with the a squeezing force exerted by the tension of the nonwoven/film materials. The instant invention functions to form a seal due to the edge of the stiff plate acting as a pivot to exert a tensional force on the elasticity of the film material. Therefore the instant combination results in a different mode of operation and therefore a different invention and thus distinguishes over the prior art.